

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-49, 57 and 60 are cancelled, claims 50, 52-56, 58 and 59 are amended and new claims 61-69 are added. The claims are presented as follows:

1-49. Cancelled

50. (Currently amended) A system ~~for use with~~ including an implantable ~~medical device (IMD) to selectively promote tissue in-growth~~ defibrillation electrode, comprising:

a first layer of porous Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) adjacent to at least one surface of the ~~IMD~~ defibrillation electrode, the first ~~inner~~ layer of porous PTFE having a fibril length adapted to bleed gas away from the at least one surface of the ~~IMD~~ defibrillation electrode; and

a second layer of porous PTFE ~~adjacent to at least~~ formed over a predetermined portion of the first layer, the ~~outer~~ second layer of porous PTFE having a fibril length adapted to prevent substantially all tissue in-growth.

51. (Original) The system of Claim 50, wherein the first layer of porous PTFE is an expanded PTFE (e-PTFE).

52. (Currently amended) The system of Claim ~~51~~ 50, wherein the second layer of porous PTFE is an expanded PTFE (e-PTFE).

53. (Currently amended) The system of Claim ~~52~~ 50, wherein the first layer of porous PTFE ~~has a fibril length~~ includes pores each having a pore size of greater than or equal to 50 microns.

54. (Currently amended) The system of Claim ~~53~~ 50, wherein the second layer of porous PTFE ~~has a fibril length~~ includes pores each having a pore size of less than or equal to 10 microns.

55. (Currently amended) The system of Claim ~~54~~ 50, wherein the first layer ~~and the second layer are~~ is formed of ~~porous PTFE~~ tubing.

56. (Currently amended) The system of Claim ~~54~~ 50, wherein the first layer ~~and the second layer are~~ is formed of tape.

57. Cancelled

58. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 50, ~~and further including~~ comprising a third layer of porous PTFE adjacent to at least a portion of the second layer, the third layer ~~including a pore size~~ having a fibril length adapted to selectively promote tissue in-growth.

59. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 58, wherein ~~the pore size of the~~ third layer includes pores each having a pore size [[is]] between 20 and 50 microns.
60. Cancelled
61. (New) The system of claim 50, wherein the second layer is formed of tubing.
62. (New) The system of claim 50, wherein the second layer is formed of tape.
63. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the pores of the first layer of porous PTFE each have a pore size between 50 and 100 microns.
64. (New) The system of claim 50, wherein the first layer of porous PTFE has a thickness greater than or equal to 50 microns.
65. (New) The system of claim 50, wherein the second layer of porous PTFE has a thickness less than or equal to 10 microns.
66. (New) The system of Claim 58, wherein the third layer of porous PTFE is an expanded PTFE (e-PTFE).

67. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the third layer of porous PTFE has a thickness less than or equal to 50 microns.

68. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein a portion of the third layer is formed over the second layer.

69. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein a portion of the third layer is longitudinally offset from the second layer.